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Timing:

- Matches will be 90 minutes long, including warm-up time.
- Players are allotted a 5 minute warm up time, including serves.
- If a player arrives late, that time will be forfeited, and the player ahead in games at the end of the allotted time will win the match.
- Players should take no more than 90 seconds of rest on changeovers (After the first game of the set and every two games after that) and 2 minutes of rest between sets.

Calls:

- Player makes the calls on their side of the net. (Either partner may make a call in doubles.)
- Opponent gets the benefit of the doubt. If at any point a player is unsure of the correct call, it must be called in the favor of the opponent.
- **The ball touching any part of the line renders it good.**
- When a ball from another court rolls onto the court during play, a let should be called and the point replayed as soon as either player notices it.
- When the ball touches the person whose side of the net it is on, double bounces, or a player touches the net, the point goes to the other player.
- *Avoid foot faults, or touching the line with one's foot when serving **before striking the ball.*** If this is flagrant and clearly noticed by the opponent, 2 warnings may be issued by opponent. If it continues, player may call foot faults on opponent which results in loss of that serve.

Scoring:

- Standard tennis scoring will be used for each game and set, except in the situations listed below.
- Server announces the score between each point and game.

- The order of serve will be determined via racket spin or coin toss after the warm up.
- Matches will be scored best 2 out of 3 sets. For time constraints, if a third set is played, it will be a **10 point super tiebreaker** (First person to 10 points, winning by two points). Standard tie break rules can be found below at the section titled (10 point Tie Breaker). The standing order of serve continues.
- A score of 6-6 at the end of the first or second set will be resolved with a standard 7 point tiebreaker.
- Due to time constraints, **games will be played without ad points after deuce. Deuce will serve as game point for Pride Sports Tennis.**
- Disputes. Disputes over the score shall be resolved by using one of the following methods, which are listed in the order of preference:
 - Count all points and games agreed upon by the players and replay only disputed points or games;
 - If the players do not agree on the court in which the disputed point started, toss a coin to select the court.
 - If the players do not agree on who served a disputed point in a tiebreak, toss a coin to select the server. (A coin toss may also be needed to determine the side in which the point is played and the end from which the server serves.)
 - If the players do not agree on who served a disputed game, toss a coin to select the server.
 - Play from a score mutually agreeable to all players;
 - Spin a racket or toss a coin.

Please remember: The primary goal of Pride Sports Tennis is to have fun and make friends while enjoying a competitive sport. Regardless of how seriously you take your matches, please be a good sport and a good opponent! Make good calls, give your opponent(s) the benefit of the doubt, and in the event of a conflict, work toward a fair resolution. Any questions or need for clarification may be directed to the tennis manager.

10 Point Tie Breaker

Also called super tiebreakers, 10-point match tiebreakers are sometimes used in lieu of a final set when a match becomes tied at one set all or, in the case of a best-of-five-sets match, two sets all. Specific rules must be followed, and the player or doubles team who wins the super tiebreaker wins the match.

Order of Serving-

When a super tiebreaker is used as the final set, the original order of service continues. Before the start, though, doubles teams can change their order of serving and receiving, and this order remains until the end of the tiebreaker.

Who Serves First?

The player or team whose turn it is to serve, serves the first point of the tiebreaker. The next two points are then served by the opposing player or team. From then on each player or team alternates serving two points until the end of the tiebreaker.

When to Change Ends

Players change ends of the court after the first point and then after every six points. An approved alternative, which is fairer especially when playing in extreme weather conditions such as wind and sun, is to switch after the first point and then after every four points.

Match Tiebreaker Scoring

Points are simply scored 1, 2, 3, 4 and so on. The first player or team to win 10 points by a two-point margin wins the match. If the score in the match tiebreaker becomes tied at 10 points, play continues until a player or team has a two-point lead.

Scoring

If you lose your match you will receive 1 point.

If you win your match you will receive 3 points.

Players must play in their Pride Sports USA uniform.

Playoffs

The playoffs will be played on the last day of scheduled games.

The top 4 from each division will make the playoffs. Most likely you will have to play 2-3 matches that day to get 1st place in that division.

Subs

In doubles, one sub can be used for up to two matches per season if needed but can not use subs the playoffs. Subs must register as a sub/pay the sub fee at PrideSportsSubs.com